

Claim 1 (amended).

Water-in-oil emulsions

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- (a) with a content of water and optionally water-soluble substances totalling at least 75% by weight and with a content of lipids, emulsifiers and lipophilic constituents totalling at most 25%, based in each case on the total weight of the preparations,
- (b) whose oil phase is selected from the group consisting of lipids and lipid mixtures, where the total polarity of the lipid phase is between 20 and 30 mN/m,
- (c) comprising at least one interface-active substance, selected from the group consisting of alkylmethicone copolyols, alkyldimethicone copolyols, and mixtures thereof
- (d) optionally comprising one or more cationic polymers

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Claim 2 (amended).

Emulsions according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of water and water-soluble substances is greater than 80% by weight, based on the total weight of the emulsions.

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Claim 3 (amended).

Emulsions according to Claim 1, wherein the interface-active substances are selected from the group consisting of cetyldimethicone copolyol, laurylmethicone copolyol and mixtures thereof.

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Claim 4 (amended). Emulsions according to Claim 1, wherein the oil phase consists of at least 50% by weight of at least one substance selected from the group consisting of (butyldecanol + hexyldecanol + hexyloctanol + butyloctanol), hexyldecanol, octyldodecanol, dicaprylyl ether, caprylic/capric triglycerides, octyl palmitate, isopropyl stearate, octyl octanoate, C<sub>12-15</sub>-alkyl benzoates, cetylstearyl isonanoate, butylene glycol caprylate/caproate, tricaprylin, octyldodecyl myristate, di-C<sub>12-13</sub>-alkyl tartrates, caprylic/capric diglycerol succinate, octyl isostearate, stearyl heptanoate, cocoyl caprylate/caproate, isopropyl palmitate, cetylstearyl octanoate, and octyl stearate.

Claim 5 (amended). Emulsions according to Claim 1, wherein cationic polymers are present in an amount of from 0.01 to 10%.

Claim 6 (amended). Emulsions according to Claim 1, wherein said cationic polymer(s) are selected from the group consisting of cationic cellulose derivatives, cationic starch, copolymers of diallylammonium salts and acrylamides, quaternized vinylpyrrolidone/vinylimidazole polymers, condensation products of polyglycols and amines, quaternized collagen polypeptides, quaternized wheat polypeptides, polyethyleneimine, cationic silicone polymers, copolymers of adipic acid with dimethylaminohydroxypropyldiethylenetriamine, copolymers of acrylic acid with dimethyldiallylammonium chloride, polyaminopolyamides, cationic chitin derivatives, cationic guar gum, quaternized ammonium salt polymers, and cationic biopolymers, [such as, for example, chitosan (average molecular weight from 50,000 to 2,000,000 g/mol [determined by means of gel permeation chromatography] and a degree of deacylation of from 10 to 99% [determined by means of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR]].

Please add the following:

Claim 7. The water-in-oil emulsions of claim 1, wherein said content of lipids, emulsifiers and lipophilic constituents total at most 20%.

Claim 8. The emulsions of claim 5, wherein the content of water and water-soluble constituents is between 75 and 80%,

Claim 9. The emulsions of claim 2, wherein the amount of water and water-soluble substances is greater than 85% by weight, based on the total weight of the emulsions.

Claim 10. The emulsions of claim 4, wherein the oil phase consists of at least 75% of said at least one substance.

Claim 11. The emulsions of claim 5, wherein said cationic polymers are present in an amount of from 0.25-1.25%.

Claim 12. The emulsions of claim 6, wherein said cationic polymers are selected from the group consisting of chitosan, having an average molecular weight of from 50,000 to 2,000,000 g/mol, determined by means of gel permeation chromatography, and a degree of deacylation of from 10 to 99%, determined by means of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR.